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OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIC INFORMATION, WINTER WHEAT AND
FEEDGRAIN CROP PROSPECTS.

REFERENCE: JOHN BESHOR'S LETTER OF FEBRUARY 12 TO MR. CHIZHOV

1. PROPOSED DATE JUNE 15-JULY 7.

2. "WINTER WHEAT AND FEED GRAIN CROP PROSPECTS" TEAM MEMBERS AS
FOLLOWS:

A. DR. OWEN WIRAK, EXTENSION GRAIN MARKETING ECONOMIST, WASH.
STATE UNIVERSITY, PULLMAN, WASHINGTON.

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B. DR. DUANE FOOTE, EXTENSION AGRONOMIST, UNIVERSITY OF

NEBRASKA, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

C. MR. KEITH SEVERIN, AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIST, GRAIN AND FEED
DIVISION, FAS-USDA, WASHINGTON, D.C.

3. THESE MEN SPECIALIZE IN CROP FORECASTING BASED UPON VISUAL
OBSERVATIONS OF PLANTINGS AND PERSONAL DISCUSSIONS WITH PRODUCERS.

4. FOLLOWING IS OUR PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR "WINTER WHEAT AND
FEEDGRAIN CROP PROSPECTS" TEAM:

LV 6/15 WASHINGTON (AIR)

AR 6/16 MOSCOW
USSR MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
USSR MINISTRY OF PROCUREMENT

JUNE 17 AND 18

LV 6/18 MOSCOW EVENING FLIGHT (AIR)

AR KRASNODAR
FARM VISITS JUNE 19 AND 20
ONE VISIT SHOULD BE IN THE
NORTHERN PART OF THE KRAY OR
SOUTHERN ROSTOV OBLAST

LV 6/21 KRASNODAR

AR STAVRO POL (AUTOMOBILE)
FARM VISITS JUNE 22
ON SUNDAY JUNE 23 ALL DAY SHOULD BE SPENT
TRAVELING BY AUTOMOBILE THROUGH
MORE GRAIN PRODUCING AREAS OF
STAVROPOL KRAY.

LV 6/24 STAVROPOL JUNE (TRAIN)

AR VOLGAGRAD JUNE 25 AND 26 SHOULD BE SPENT
VISITING FARMS AND TRAVELING THROUGH VARIOUS
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PARTS OF VOLGAGRAD OBLAST

LV 6/27 VOLGAGRAD (AUTOMOBILE OR TRAIN)

AR VOROSHILOVGRAD JUNE 28 AND 29 FARM VISITS AND AUTOMOBILE
TRAVEL THROUGH GRAIN PRODUCING AREAS OF
VOROSHILOVGRAD AND/OR DONETSK OBLASTS

LV 6/30 VOROSHILOVGRAD (TRAIN)

AR KIROVOGRAD JULY 1 - FARM VISITS
VISITS OR TRAVEL SHOULD BE PRIMARILY IN
SOUTHERN KIROVOGRAD, NORTHERN NIKOLAYEV
AND WESTERN DNEPROPETROVSK OBLASTS

LV 7/3 KIROVOGRAD (AUTOMOBILE)

AR KIEV
JULY 4 UKRAINIAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
AND ONE FARM VISIT

LV 7/5 KIEV

AR MOSCOW

LV 7/6 MOSCOW

AR WASHINGTON

SINCE THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THIS TRIP IS TO
OBSERVE GRAIN CONDITIONS IN THE UKRAINE, THE
NORTH CAUCASUS AND THE LOWER VOLGA AREAS, IT IS
IMPERATIVE THAT TRAVEL BETWEEN CITIES BE MADE
BY EITHER AUTOMOBILE OR TRAIN. FARMS TO BE
VISITED SHOULD BE IN DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE
OBLASTS AND KRAYS SO THAT THE TEAM MEMBERS
CAN OBSERVE GRAIN CONDITIONS OVER THE
LARGEST AREA POSSIBLE. WHILE THE MAIN EM-
PHASIS IN EACH AREA SHOULD BE ON TRAVEL AND
FARM VISITS (BOTH TO COLLECTIVE AND STATE
FARMS), SHORT VISITS TO RESEARCH INSTITUTES

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AND THE OBLAST AGRICULTURAL ADMINISTRATIONS
MAY BE USEFUL TO THE TEAM.

5. INSTITUTIONS WHICH TEAM WISHES TO VISIT: COLLECTIVE AND STATE
FARMS, RESEARCH INSTITUTES, THE USSR MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE,
USSR MINISTRY OF PROCUREMENT, UKRAINIAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
AND THE AGRICULTURAL ADMINISTRATIONS IN THE OBLASTS AND KRAYS VISITED

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6. WHEN DISCUSSING ITINERARY WITH SOVIET SECRETARIAT, PLEASE STRESS
THAT THE SUCCESS OF THE TEAM'S VISIT REQUIRES TRAVEL BY CAR AND
TRAIN AS SET FORTH IN PROPOSED ITINERARY, WITH MAJORITY OF TIME
SPENT EITHER ON FARMS OR IN SURFACE TRAVEL THROUGH GRAIN
PRODUCING AREAS. RUSH

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